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1. AT JULY 20 MEETING OECD HEADS OF DELEGATION HEARD STATEMENT BY CANADIAN PERMREP MAC LEAN ON FAILURE OF JULY CIEC COMMISSIONS TO REACH FINAL AGREEMENT ON WORK PROGRAMS FOR ACTION-ORIENTED PHASE OF CIEC. MACLEAN INDICATED HE REMAINED OPTIMISTIC THAT CIEC COULD ULTIMATELY REACH SUCCESSFUL RESULTS BUT STRESSED THAT DC'S NEEDED TIME FOR INTERNAL REFLECTION TO DEFINE THEIR POSITION ON DEBT QUESTION. MACLEAN ENDED PRESENTATION BY STATING THAT ALTHOUGH CIEC NOW AT DIFFICULT STAGE, BOTH CO-CHAIRMEN (CANADA AND VENEZUELA) WERE LOOKING "AT BRIGHT SIDE." MACLEAN EXPECTED THAT THE TWO CO-CHAIRMEN WOULD BE MEETING IN THE NEAR FUTURE AND PROMISED TO BE IN TOUCH WITH OTHER DELEGATIONS ON THIS.

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2. IN ENSUING DISCUSSION, DUTCH DEL (AS CURRENT

CHAIRMAN OF EC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS) REPORTED SESSION
OF EC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS JUST BEGUN WOULD BE TAKING
A CLOSE LOOK AT THE CIEC SITUATION. IN LONG, SOMEWHAT
RAMBLING INTERVENTION, SPANISH DEL (AMBASSADOR VALLAURE)
CONTEHDED THAT LARGE PHILOSOPHIC GAP SEPARATED G-8 AND
G-19 AND THAT AS THE STRONGER SIDE, THE G-8 SHOULD
MAKE THE FIRST CONCESSIONS. IN SUBSEQUENT REMARKS
OECD SECRETARY-GEHERAL VAN LENNEP ALSO QUESTIONED
WHETHER IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE -- OR EVEN DESIRABLE IN
LIGHT OF UNCTAD DECISION -- TO ACHIEVE A NEUTRALLY
WORDED WORK PROGRAM ON DEBT ISSUE. IN REPLY MACLEAN
SAID HE STILL BELIEVED IT POSSIBLE TO ARRIVE AT WORK
PROGRAM THAT WOULD NOT PREJUDICE THIS FALL'S WORK; THE
MORE DIFFICULT PROBLEM OF DCS WOULD BE THE LONGER RANGE
ONE OF DETERMINING THE CONCRETE RESULTS CIEC SHOULD
ACHIEVE. MACLEAH CONCLUDED BY SUGGESTING THAT WHAT
IS IMPORTANT HOW IS TO GIVE CAPITALS THE TIME TO DO
SERIOUS WORK AND TO CONSULT WITH EACH OTHER ON CIEC
ISSUES - NOTABLY DEBT - WITH A VIEW TO DEFINING
COMMON POSITIONS.
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